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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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Dear Ms. Teang-Foster,

Further to our conversation of yesterday, please find enclosed a re-signed copy of the Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, along with the English Translation of JP Priority Document No. 11-267001, that was previously filed on May 27, 2003 and Refued via facsimile on July 2, 2003. Also attached is a copy of our date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same on May 27, 2003, and a copy of our fax cover letter and result report evidencing the filing of the same via facsimile on July 2, 2003.

We respectfully request that the Amendment be properly entered into PTO's PALM and PAIR systems, and that a decision on the Amendment be reached before Applicant's next Extension of Time is due.

Should there be any questions, please contact us.

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To whom it may Concern,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of February 26, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on May 27, 2003 (May 26 being a national holiday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend specification as follows:

Please delete, in its entirety, the paragraph on page 21 beginning line 19.

Page 1, after the title (after line 2) please insert the following: